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Title: Need to protect the interest of the Jute Grovers and provide them Minimum Support Price.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Thank you, Sir. I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government, through you, to a problem being faced by the jute producers. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय: इनका भी अहम् मुद्दा है, इन्हें बोलने दीजिए।

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SHRI PRABODH PANDA : The Government might be aware of the fact that this year the jute production in the jute producing districts is very good, and it is exceptionally good in some of the areas. But the rate of raw jute is coming down in the market day by day. It is even coming below the Minimum Support Price (MSP), which has been announced by the Union Government .

I demand to the Union Government to announce a MSP, which is supportive for the jute growers. This support price is neither supportive nor remunerative for them. On the other hand, the jute procuring centres under the JCI are not doing well. In West Bengal, there are 101 jute procuring centres. They should go to the market, they should go to the 'Haat' and they should procure the raw jute from the producers. I demand that at least Rs. 1,700 should be provided as Minimum Support Price for one quintal of Grade V raw jute this year. I think that the Government will take the matter seriously, and do the needful to protect the interest of jute producers. More than 60 lakh jute producers are there, and more than two crore people are depending on it. I believe that the Government would do some justice in this matter.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Sir, I would like to associate myself on this matter.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Sir, my name is also listed to raise an important matter.

MR. SPEAKER: Will you please sit down?

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): Yes, Sir.

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आप बीच में इंटरप्ट न करें, आपकी पार्टी के ही सदस्य कोई मुद्दा उठाना चाहते हैं।